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SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND NITRATE KITS

REFS: (A) STATE 123554, (B) PRETORIA 1989 (NOTAL), (C) PRETORIA 1955 (NOTAL, (D) PRETORIA 2025 (NOTAL)

- 1. FOR WASHINGTON'S INFORMATION, WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH RSO BANNERMAN, DURING HIS RECENT HELPFUL VISIT AND THROUGH REFTELS, PROBLEM OF MINIMIZING DANGERS OF BEING CAUGHT SHORT ON DESTRUCTION OF FILES IF EMERGENCY AROSE OWING TO VIOLENCE DURING THE INDEPENDENCE WEEK.
- 2. PER HIS RECOMMENDATION IN REF (D) WE ARE MOVING MAJORITY OF FILES TO PRETORIA BY COURIER ASAP.
- 3. WE BELIEVE THAT TO MOVE THE REMAINING EIGHT FILE DRAWERS WHICH CONSIST OF 1975 ONLY PLUS E AND E, COMMO AND OTHER SPECIAL MATERIALS WOULD BE LAST RESORT. HOWEVER DEPARTMENT SEARCH REVEALS NO RECORD OF REQUISITION FOR NITRATE KITS (REF A) (COPY SENT TO RSO) WHICH WE REQUISITIONED ON JANUARY 17 AND RSO INFORMS US NITRATE KITS NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY (REF C). HENCE, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN CASE OF POWER FAILURE WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE BOTH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND DISINTEGRATOR AT SAME TIME AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE INADEQUATE DESTRUCTION CAPABILITY.
- 4. CONGEN WILL PERSONALLY BE IN PRETORIA JUNE 10-12 AND WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND SOME INTERIM SOLUTION AT THAT TIME. IN

THE MEANTIME, IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE CABLE
SOONEST. FISCAL DATA ON ORIGINAL ORDER NITRATE KITS FOLLOWS
SEPTEL.
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